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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 650,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPKINS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSON, Esq.
E. R. BELLING, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq.
Hon. W. KESWICK, Esq.
A. MOLVER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " " "
" 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

Authorized by Imperial Edict, dated the 2nd Day of the 9th Moon, of III Year of Kwong-Su, (Oct. 8, 1877.)

£1,604,276. 0. 10 STOCK.

IN BONDS OF £100 EACH.

Bearing Interest from 31st December, 1877, the first Coupon of £1.68 being payable on 28th February, 1878, and Coupons of £4 being payable thereafter on 31st August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the last Coupon of £2.68 will be payable.

The Bonds are redeemable at par within seven years (1884) by half-yearly drawings.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN LONDON, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

PRICE OF ISSUE 98 PER CENT.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, 81, Lombard Street, London, as Agents for the Chinese Government, hereby invite Subscriptions for £1,604,276. 0. 10 of 8 per cent. Bonds at the issue price of 98 per cent. payable as follows:—

£10 per cent. on application.
40 " " allotment.
48 " " 15 days after allotment.

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The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on the 28th February and 31st August at the offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai. The first Coupon for £1.68 for interest from 31st December, 1877, to 28th February, 1878, will be payable on the latter date, and Coupons of £4 will be payable thereafter on 31st August and 28th February in each year, until 14th June, 1884, when the final Coupon of £2.68 will be payable.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within seven years (1884) by Thirteen half-yearly Drawings of £114,600 each, the balance of the Loan, £114,676. 0. 10, being paid off on 14th June, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in London in December and June in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the succeeding 28th February and 31st August at the offices of the Hongkong and

Banks.

Shanghai Banking Corporation in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Edict, dated 8th of October, 1877, which has been communicated to the British Legation at Peking, according to a dispatch from the British Consul at Shanghai, dated 20th October, 1877.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs Revenue of the Ports of Shanghai, Canton, Ningpo, and Hankow—the four Ports which have the largest Customs Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The total Customs Receipts at the Ports named for the past three years have averaged £2,005,500 per annum, and the total Customs Revenue for the same period at all the Ports in China has averaged £8,560,000 per annum.

The indebtedness of the Imperial Government only amounts to about £700,000, of which about £250,000 mature next year. The amounts of the outstanding Loans and the proposed Loan are therefore, together, only £2,200,000, or about two-thirds of one year's Customs Revenue. The payments both of interest and principal on account of outstanding Loans have been duly and punctually met by the Chinese Government.

The special hypothecation of Customs Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs Bonds, signed by the Chinese authorities of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, and by the European Commissioners at the same Ports, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of this Loan. These Customs Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Chinese Customs Duties.

The Customs Revenue available to meet these obligations, and for which they are specially charged, is £2,100,000 per annum.

Certified translations of the official documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, London.

Applications for the amount of £100 per cent, will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 81, Lombard Street, London.

Applications from China, Japan, and Manila will be received and forwarded by the Hongkong and Shanghai Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Those from the Straits Settlements and India to be sent to London.

Default in payment of any instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the amount due on allotment.

Script Certificates to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipts, and Bonds to Bearer, when ready, will be exchanged for fully paid-up Scrip.

Forms of Application can be obtained of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their offices in London, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1877.

TO BE RETAINED BY THE BANKERS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.

To the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

I request that you will allot me £..... of Bonds of the above Loan in accordance with the Prospectus issued by you dated upon which I have paid the Deposit of £10 per cent., and I engage to accept the said Bonds or any less number you may allot me, and to make the remaining payments thereon in accordance with the Prospectus.

Name at full length.....

Address.....

Occupation..... 1877.

BANKERS' RECEIPT TO BE RETAINED BY THE APPLICANT.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1877.

For £1,604,276. 0. 10 STERLING.

No.

Received this..... day of.....

1877, from..... pounds, being the sum of.....

Deposit made on application for £..... of Bonds of the above Loan

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

£.....

WITH reference to the foregoing Prospectus APPLICATIONS will be RECEIVED by the Undersigned until the 15th of DECEMBER next, on which date the Allotment will be made, and the final instalment of 48 per cent. will be payable on the 31st December, 1877. Exchange on Applications received in Hongkong will be calculated at the rate of 4/ per dollar.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Agents Inviting Loans.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., INVITE ATTENTION TO THEIR DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND DELICACIES.

DRESSING CASES.
WORK BOXES.
SCRAP BOOKS.
PRESENTATION INKSTANDS.
PIN TOILET SETS.
STATUETTES.
Handsome Bound GIFT BOOKS.
FRENCH DOLLS.
PUZZLES.

THE NEWEST COSAQUE CRACKERS.
ZOO SURPRISE CRACKERS.
POP THE QUESTION.
REGALIA COSAQUES.

FANCY BOXES OF CHOCOLATE.
CHRISTMAS CAKES AND PUDDINGS.

MINCE MEAT.
ELVAS PLUMS.
CRYSTALLISED FRUITS.
BLOOM MUSCATELS.
FRENCH JAMS.

A FEW CASES OF THE CHOICEST SCOTCH WHISKY
EVER IMPORTED.

SACCOONE'S PURE SHERRIES, at Low Prices.
PURE PORT. LIQUEURS.
CHOICE OLD RYE WHISKY.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale), on

MONDAY,

the 31st December, 1877, at Noon, at their Sale Room, Praya Central,—

The following PIECES or PARCELS OF GROUND, with the Buildings erected thereon.

First.—All that District Parcel of GROUND, situated in Victoria, Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as the remaining portion of INLAND LOT No. 41, abutting on the North side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 153 feet, on the South side thereof on Section 4 of the aforesaid Inland Lot No. 41 and Measuring thereon 75 feet and 55 feet, on the East side thereof on a Public Road, and Measuring thereon 88 feet, and on the West side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 201, and Measuring thereon 36 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole about 8,000 square feet, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$73.01, together with the Messuages or Tenements standing thereon, at present leased by D. RUTUNJEE, Esq.

Second.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poko-fu-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 28, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as FARM Lots Nos. 18 and 25, and Measuring thereon 1,200 feet, on the South side thereof on Government Ground, and Measuring thereon 600 feet, on the East side thereof on a Water Course, and Measuring thereon 1,400 feet, and on the West side thereof on the Sea at high Water Mark, and Measuring thereon 700 feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 22 1/2 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$53.40.

And, All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, situated in the Poko-fu-lum District of Hongkong, and Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 30, abutting on the South side thereof on a Close Registered in the Land Office as FARM LOT No. 29, on the East side thereof on the road to Aberdeen, and on the North and West sides thereof on a Water Course, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 3 1/2 Acres, of which the Annual Crown Rent is \$12; together with a quantity of Building Materials at present contained in and about the houses described as "Belmont" upon the aforesaid Lots.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed or Deeds of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, October 31, 1877. de30

NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,

PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,
Queen's Road East,
HONGKONG.

September 14, 1877.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR
STOVES.

STOVES AND FIRE IRONS.

Superior California LAMBSWOOL
BLANKETS.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb.
to 2,500 lb.

BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CAR-
PETS various patterns.

VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA
CARPETS and RUGS.

DOOR MATS.

HORSE BLANKETS.

Cartridge and Rifle CARTRIDGE
CASES.

Gun-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS,
STATIONERY, of every description.

BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

Fresh APPLES, and LEMONS.

SALMON BELDIES, in Rits.

MACKEREL, TONGUES & SOUNDS.

Family PIG PORK, and Prime Mess
BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.

CAVIARE, SARDELLS, and Spiced
ANCHOVIES.

Prime American BACON and HAMS.

Cutting of JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.

GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL,
RYE MEAL, &c., &c.

Canned Dessert FRUITS.

Compressed CORNED BEEF, and
BEEF TONGUES.

PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to
suit Purchasers.

Cheese & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S
STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies
received by every Steamer.

CLARET in Cask, (BANDON), Superior
Quality.

BAROLAY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogs-
heads and Kilderkins.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J.
BURKE, in Pints and Quarts.

BASS PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON
and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS,
AND
JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS
AND BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. de20

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE,
ECONOMICAL,
SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-
wide reputation of our Oil, certain
parties have attempted to imitate our pack-
ages. Such at law have been instituted
against the MAKERS and FURNISHERS of
these imitations. Buyers should be careful
to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRIL-
LIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the
words "DEVOS MFG CO. PATENTS" are
stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING Co.,
50 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
[1741] NEW YORK, U. S. A.

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 20th to the
31st Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, December 12, 1877. jal

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COM-
PANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company
will be CLOSED from the 14th to the
27th Instant, both days inclusive.

A. NEWTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 1, 1877. de28

A LAUDATORY NOTICE.

WE, the Chinese Passengers by the
steamer Menelaus, Capt. R. F. Scale,
beg to signify our sense of gratitude
publicly for the great kindness with which
we were treated on board by Captain
Scale, his Chief Officer Mr. J. Ward, and
the Medical Officer of the ship, Dr. Car-
stairs, during the voyage of the vessel from
Singapore to Hongkong; particularly for
the good-heartedness they showed in yield-
ing to our wishes in having preserved the
body of an unfortunate female passenger
who happened to die on board on the
10th inst., when the vessel was some
distance from Hongkong. According to
the sanitary rules of navigation, the
body would have been thrown overboard,
but the reverence for the dead is so
great with us that all the passengers on
board, numbering 432, as well as the three
Chinese cooks on board, joined to beg the
Captain and his Officers to spare that of
the unfortunate woman, and they good-
naturedly complied with our wish. We,
therefore, as a mark of our sense of grati-
tude, have presented a Complimentary
Flag to Capt. Scale, and our sincere thanks
to his officers, especially Chief Officer J.
Ward and Dr. Carstairs.

YOW SHING, and the other
Chinese Passengers.
Hongkong, December 14, 1877. de21

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he has
Returned, and is now ready to
receive Patients.
Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. STOUT has RETURNED, and will be
ready to receive Patients on MONDAY,
the 24th Instant, until further notice, at his
Rooms, Ground Floor, HOTEL DE UNIVERS.
Office hours, 8 to 12 Noon and 2 to 4 p.m.
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship
"TRAQUADDY,"

Comdt. GAUVAILL, will be
despatched for SHANGHAI
on SUNDAY, the 16th Inst., at Daylight.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.
Hongkong, December 13, 1877. de16

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.)
The Spanish Steamer
"EMUY,"

BLANCO, Master, will be de-
spatched as above on MONDAY,
the 17th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.,
Hongkong, December 14, 1877. de17

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE,
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports to land
Mails and Passengers.)

The Eastern and Australian
Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer
"NORMANBY"

will be despatched as above
on or about the 31st Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

MONTHLY LINE.

THE AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGA-
TION COMPANY.

For COCKTOWN and SYDNEY, taking Cargo
and Passengers for all AUSTRALIAN
and NEW ZEALAND Ports.

The Company's Chartered
Steamer
"OCEAN"

JOHN C. JAGGERS, Commandet,
will load for the above Ports, and be de-
spatched on or about December 26th, 1877.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, December 4, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR DUNEDIN (N. Z.)
The A. 1 American Ship
"MARIE"

Capt. BURMESTER, will load
here for the above Port, and
have a quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BOZARIO & Co.,
Hongkong, November 14, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A. 1 American Bark
"MORRO CASTLE"

JENNERY, Master, having the
greater portion of her Cargo
engaged, will load at this Port as above
and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.,
Hongkong, December 1, 1877. jal

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The A. 1 French Bark
"ANGEL"

Captain BARBERON, will take
Freight at moderate rates, and
have quick despatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 5, 1877.

FOR LONDON (DIRECT.)

The A. 1 Brit. Clipper Bark
"KATE CARNE"

JAMES WILSON, Master, having
the greater part of her Cargo
engaged, will have immediate despatch as
above.

For Freight, apply to
MEYER & Co.,
Hongkong, November 28, 1877.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A. 1 Clipper Bark
"GOLDEN RUSSETT"

RICHARDSON, Master, will have
quick despatch as above.

Mails.



STEAM FOR
Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean
Ports, Southampton,
and London.

Also,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
THIBET, Captain TORBROOK, will leave
this on THURSDAY, the 20th December,
at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will
be conveyed via Bombay without transship-
ment, arriving one week later than by the
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. LIND, Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 11, 1877. de20

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND STOPPING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF
TOKYO will be despatched for San
Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR-
DAY, the 22nd instant, at Noon, taking
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-
land Railways, to Havens, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER
CENT on regular rates is granted to
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,
AND MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL
AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISS-
SION.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m., 21st instant. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
to be required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877. de22

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

Also,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 27th December,
1877, at Noon, the Company's S. S.
DUMENAH, Commandant CHAMBERLAIN,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPORE,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Speed will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and
accepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.
on the 28th December, 1877. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. de FOUREY,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1877. de27

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GALILEO" will be de-
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on FRIDAY, the 4th January, 1878,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to
Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 3rd January, 1878. PARCEL
PACKAGES will be received at the Office
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, December 12, 1877. j64

Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000
PERMANENT RESERVE.....230,000
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000

Total Capital and accumula-
tions this date.....Tls. 725,000

Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq. | C. KRENS, Esq.
M. P. EVANS, Esq. | C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.

London Bankers:

Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.

Agencies in:

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to
all parts of the World, at current
rates. Subject to a charge of 12% for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, AND THE PROFITS
OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be
annually distributed among all Contribu-
tors of Business in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining Third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

OLYMPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underwritten, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surances at current rates.

MELOCHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underwritten are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Coals in Matched, on Goods on Board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
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ing, though not at so great a rate as heretofore. The reason of the decline (2,906 piculs in 1874, 2,248 in 1875, and 2,043 in 1876) is, he considers, the heaviness of the duties on the drug at that port compared with those at Shanghai and Chinkiang.

At Newchwang, Mr. Adkins reports that the import of the drug was 2,236 piculs against 840 in 1875. This large increase, he says, owing to the failure of the crop of native opium in the previous summer through drought.

There can be no doubt, I think, that the production of native opium is increasing in the province, and that at no distant day it will form a staple of considerable importance. Along the coast, where the foreign drug can be obtained without any difficulty from that port or from Chefoo, the native drug is principally consumed.

In most parts of the Province of Feng-tzen, in many parts of the Province of Hi-rin, and in a daily increasing area in Eastern Mongolia, the former is beginning to regard opium as the first and most important item in the year's crop. This is not surprising, for the poppy crop is a paying one, and it leaves the ground in time for a crop of cabbage or other suitable growth.

The preference given to the native drug by the Chinese is only partly due to the fact that it is cheaper than the Indian by some 30 per cent. There can be no doubt that the residue, after smoking the native drug, is much more available for passing again through the pipe than the residue of the foreign drug. It is said, indeed, that good native drug can be passed four or five times through the pipe. Against this must be set the fact that the foreign drug is more satisfying to the native. A pipe of native at 6 a.m. will require a second at 10 a.m., whereas the craving would not return after foreign sooner than noon.

At Ningpo, Mr. Cooper reports a large increase in the import of opium. In 1873, the import was 7,624 piculs, in 1876, 9,498, this increase having, he says, taken place while the production of native-grown opium has greatly enlarged. "The causes of the healthy aspect of this trade must be sought in the growing prosperity of the people, and also in the comparatively small exactions levied on the drug by the authorities of this province, 82 taels per picul only being the amount levied for 'lekin.' The price of native opium is about three-fifths of that of the foreign drug, but though its quality is said generally to be good it is so impure, and adulterated with liquorice that it is seldom consumed by the well-to-do classes."

At Swatow, Mr. Forrest reports an increase of 1,440 piculs in the importation of opium, but thinks that a recent increase in the *lekin* tax will effect some change in this state of affairs next year, "especially as the growth of the poppy is progressing very fast in the hilly portions of the consular district."

At Tientsin, Mr. Morgan reports that during the last three years the import of Indian opium has steadily declined, and last year no Persian opium was imported, "a sure indication of the increased production and successful competition of the native drug."

The trade in Indian opium at this port was not so much crippled, however, last year by the competition of native opium as by the heavy *lekin* tax which is now levied at Tientsin, viz., 33 taels per chest, whilst at Chinkiang, the other chief port of supply for the inland markets of North China, this arbitrary exaction is much lighter, I believe only 18 taels per chest.

The foregoing remarks and statistics seem to us to be well worth the consideration of those who are crying out for a stoppage of the Indian opium trade. Sir Brooke Robertson, in the course of his report, questions the power of the Chinese Government to stop opium smoking in the country; nor is he alone in that idea among Her Majesty's Consuls in China, and in the face of these facts respecting the rapidly increasing production and use of the native drug in the country, it seems to us not only foolish but absolutely unpatriotic for an English society to exert itself towards the suppression of the Indian trade.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HONGKONG and Whampoa Dock shares are now higher than they have been for years past.

Dirty beggar boys are becoming an intolerable nuisance in Queen's Road. Where are the Police?

Taxes who have applied for bonds of the Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877 are getting quite interested in the prospects of allotment.

We observe that the Band *and Pipers* of R. M. 74th Highlanders play in the Botanical Gardens to the Singaporeans in the evenings.

The object of the Band Promenade this evening ought to be sufficient to draw a large number of residents and a goodly number of subsidiary coins for the Orphanage, while the Band itself (weather permitting) is certain to attract many listeners.

Notice is given in the Government Gazette of to-day that Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Wednesday, the 26th December, and New Year's Day, will be observed as public holidays throughout the Government Dependencies.

The steamer *State of Alabama* has again experienced a somewhat eventful passage from London, and been considerably delayed thereby. Her adventures began in

the Channel, were continued by a storm in the Bay of Biscay, and renewed in the Red Sea. She was delayed at Singapore for a fortnight for repairs; but has had a favourable run from the latter port.

A ROWING Race, for merchant ships' boats manned by Europeans, has been added to the Programme for the Regatta, with a first prize of \$25, and a second prize of \$5. There is now a good chance of a Ball forming the closing feature of the meeting. The Committee suggest that Captains might add to the attraction of the Regatta by dressing their ships on the occasion.

We learn that the German barque *Gustav Adolph*, Captain Nelmann, has been on shore at the entrance of Chefoo Harbour. She was bound in to Chefoo from this port, and on or about the 19th ultimo, about 7 o'clock in the morning, ran on one of the many sunken rocks in the neighbourhood. The weather was very bad at the time, there being a stiff N.E. breeze and heavy sea. She remained in a very critical position for four days, assistance meanwhile having arrived from Chefoo. What little cargo was in her (about 1,000 piculs iron and mats) was discharged into boats, but the masts had to be cut away before she floated, and she was then towed by means of ordinary pulling boats, into Chefoo, where she now lies. The vessel, although saved, has, we understand, sustained such severe damage that she has been condemned, and will be sold by public auction. The Harbour Master, assisted by Mr. Constedine, rendered valuable assistance.

Tsun Achin, a lokong (No. 189), was charged at the Police Court to-day, before the Hon. C. May, with having received small sums of money from certain Chinese householders, in excess of what he was authorized to collect, and not accounting for the same. The case arose out of a petition which had been sent to the acting Superintendent of Police, signed by a number of Chinese shopkeepers and others residing at Yohmahtee, praying that the lokong be removed, as he was squeezing. Mr. Oresagh was satisfied that the charge was trumped up in order to get rid of the lokong, who it appears is a very active and efficient constable, has always borne an excellent character, both for conduct and efficiency, and has consequently made himself obnoxious to some of the villagers, by getting them convicted for breaches of the law. The lokong himself desired that the case should be investigated before the Magistrate, in order to clear his character. It appears that he was employed collecting Police taxes, at Yohmahtee and two other villages at Kowloon, and it was alleged that he had in several instances received a few cents excess of what he should properly have collected. Inspector Cameron has taken a great deal of trouble in sifting out this case, and the result of his labours showed conclusively, that two-thirds of the signatures to the petition had only signed it because others did, and further that those who signed it had nearly all been punished for breaches of the law through the lokong's vigilance. Mr. May, after giving the case a very patient hearing, remanded it till Tuesday, the 18th, the man being admitted to bail in \$50.

The *Straits Times*, after referring at length to the collapse of the last Band Promenade, adds:—

It does not seem to have occurred to either of our contemporaries or any one in Hongkong to question the Governor's power to stop the Band-playing. We do not believe he has any such power. The Band does not belong to him, but to the Officers of the Regiment. On one occasion here the Band was refused to the then Governor on a State occasion.

The *China Mail* has the following sarcastic remarks regarding His Excellency's defence of the priests. Here His Excellency cannot but know that he is on very dangerous ground, for, if there is one thing more inoffensive than another to Englishmen, it is the meddling of priests with State affairs. On no pretence and under no circumstances will they endure the interference of priest or presbyter in their secular affairs.

Our Straits contemporary seems to have forgotten that the use of the Gardens was as necessary to the Promenade as the use of the Band. Although invested with the title of "Commander in Chief," we do not presume for one moment that Mr. Hennessey has any control over the Band, which is maintained by, and solely under the direction of, the Officers of the 28th Regiment. But His Excellency as the head of the Government of this Colony can, we presume, prevent the Public Gardens being used either by the Band or the community after unauthorized hours.

HONG & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 8th December, 1877.—*Astrak*. During the Week.—Dec. 1, *Hailong*, from Hongkong; 3, *Nadesha*, from Newchwang; 4, *Tah Yew*, from Shanghai; 5, *Douglas*, from Hongkong; 6, *Europe*, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—Dec. 3, *Hailong*, for Tamsui; 7, *Douglas*, for Hongkong; 7, *Tah Yew*, for Shanghai; 7, *Largo*, for London.

Shipping in Port.—*Ling Fong*, Moupin, *Nadesha*, *Ketty*.

Colas Domingo, and three others, Manila seamen, were fined 50 cents each for 1 day's imprisonment for fighting and creating a disturbance at Market Street.

CHINA AFFAIRS AT HOME.

(From our London Correspondent.)

London, Nov. 2, 1877.

As you may judge from the letters which have appeared in the *Daily News*, the fugitive extracts about China in the *Times*, and other straws showing the way the wind is blowing, the question of the ratification of the Chefoo Convention is at last coming to the front in a more definite and practical manner than hitherto. As I have, I think, been able pretty well to discover what is the exact nature of the present state of affairs; and your readers (especially those at the ports) will be glad to know what is actually going on, I may, usefully give the history at some little length.

You will recollect that some two or three months ago Mr. Thos. Hanbury (formerly Vice-Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council and very well known in China) headed a deputation to the Chinese Envoy from the Society of Friends. Kwo seems to have looked upon this respected body as a kind of Secret Society, what is called a *Hueni* (Hoen, as the Straits papers always write it), with a kind of spurious religion of their own, such as those institutions in China always have. However, he treated them civilly, and uttered some platitudes about the object of all men's religions being to make them better, and in fact was condescending enough to consider that Christianity was not so much below Confucianism as most enlightened Chinamen would imagine. Since that time Mr. Hanbury seems to have been bent upon doing "justice to China." Any way he has set to work to get up first a letter to Government asking for the suppression of Sir Thos. Wade's memorandum, and next a memorial which is shortly to be presented to Lord Derby, praying that the Chefoo Convention be ratified. I am told that the numerous signatures to this document are very striking. Bishops, peers, M. P.'s and well-known Anti-Opiumists form the bulk of the signatories, and it is quite evident that it emanates from that particular class which take up the Opium question and who generally to patronise China and do the benevolent and philanthropic towards her. The Secretary of the Anti-Opium Society has been active with two or three letters to the *Daily News* on the subject. One appears to-day, in which he strongly advocates the ratification of the Convention; and seems indignant that the Chinese should not be permitted to get as much revenue as they like out of Opium, in the form of *lekin*. Putting one thing and another together, therefore, it is quite clear that the Anti-Opium Society and their supporters are most anxious to see the Chefoo Convention ratified; and it is, therefore, pretty clear that they at least imagine that that instrument will have the effect of entirely doing away with the traffic. This is so very palpably shown, that it seems strangely impolitic to show the Government (who are not likely to be disposed to give up the Opium revenue) so plainly what they are aiming at. The good philanthropic people who are thus coming forward hardly see exactly what result they are driving at; but it is pretty clear that they are unconsciously simply working into the hands of the Chinese and enabling them to obtain more revenue. The curious thing is that they see harm in the Chinese doing precisely what they object to our Government doing, that is getting a tax out of the cultivators and producers. If they put down the Yunnan-Szechuen monopolies, they may then with some reason be called upon to put down the Bengal monopoly.

Before you receive this you will have heard of the death of Mr. Swinhoe of the Consular Service. It has caused much regret here among the many people to whom he was known both by his official and his literary career. Some of the papers which he wrote have been recognised as of value by the highest authorities here, among them Professor Darwin, who always spoke of him as "that careful observer, Mr. Swinhoe." It is very sad that one who seemed so promising should have been cut off so early.

There is nothing yet definite about the departure of Liu, the second Chinese Envoy, for Berlin; but I understand that it will in all probability take place in a few days. I hear that Liu's servant, who was brought up at the Police Court for being drunk and disorderly in Stanhope Street, has been sent back to his native land, where it is to be hoped he will be more careful in his position of the native Shanghai than he has been of the too strong "devil wine," which brought him within the clutches of the Law.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

Dec. 16th, 1877.

SELLING BAD LIQUORS.

Chau Ahn, a fishmonger, was charged with selling spirits, which he said was brandy but which was found to be shamshu colored with Distillery rum.

Lo Ping Ching, a schoolmaster, said that the defendant came to his schoolroom on the 9th instant, and offered to sell him three bottles of foreign liquor. Witness asked to be allowed to look at it, and this defendant allowed, saying at the same time that the price of the three bottles was 80 cents, and that it was brandy. Witness told the defendant to call again for the money, and he agreed to do so. Shortly afterwards a friend called to see witness, and was offered some of the brandy, but refused to take any, saying that it was not brandy.

Tsang Ahing, the friend alluded to, was called and gave corroborative evidence, and said that the defendant called upon him and offered to sell him some of the stuff.

The prisoner was arrested at the house of the first witness, and six bottles of the "brandy" were found in his possession. The bottles were all labelled One-star Hennessy, except one which was labelled Three-star; the corks and capsules varied.

Defendant said that the liquor was given to him by a friend, who has since gone to Cocktown, having no money; defendant tried to sell it.

Fined \$300, or six months' hard labour.

DISORDERLY.

Colas Domingo, and three others, Manila seamen, were fined 50 cents each for 1 day's imprisonment for fighting and creating a disturbance at Market Street.

ROGUE AND VAGABOND.
Peter Wilson, a cook-unemployed, was charged with begging and using abusive language to P. O. McDougall (No. 39). The Constable stated that the defendant went to No. 9 Station whilst half drunk, begging, and was told to go away, when he became very abusive saying, "You English consider yourselves gentlemen, and I am starving, without any money in my pocket." Witness said he had known the defendant for some time as a habitual mendicant, and a drunken lazy fellow.

Defendant said he had lost his discharge, and could not get a berth. He wanted to go to Singapore; but Mr. May sent him to Gaol, as a rogue and vagabond, for 14 days, with hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."
SIR,—I have perused the letter of "Careful" in your last night's number and, like him, as a Scotchman would say, I have my doubts whether the ten-centennial (sensational) performance announced for this evening will prove a "monstrous success," should it (H. V.) take place.

On the last occasion of a performance of a similar nature being advertised, I was unfortunately one of the many sold, and on returning to my domicile with a young Globe-trotter, who was staying with me for a few days, I witnessed his indignation expressed in the following words:

"You'll enjoy it or you shan't!"
The notes of the Band of the 28th Regt. The funder will be rewarded, if necessary, on returning the same to the "Three Stars Tavern."

The above lines having been transcribed were enclosed in an envelope, and the writer having borrowed a 2 cent P.S. (for which he did not pay) posted the transcript to an eminent firm of "Expressists," who, however, did not "do the needful." Being myself a griffin I have since been informed by "old hands" that every similar notice must be authenticated; in future I would suggest that this should appear on the very much vacant space, in place say of the impossible time limit; and if the gentleman in question will return you the dollar enclosed in the letter referred to, I trust you will see that the same is duly handed over to the Diocesan Home and Orphanage.

Yours ever,

BILIOUS BILLY.

"I'll put a girdle round Hongkong in 20 minutes."—SHAKESPEARE, slightly altered.

RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1877.

SIR,—Mr. Hutchinson's reference to Archer Butler may be correct, but Religious Nihilism seems to me to favor very much of Prof. Huxley's Administrative Nihilism.

Moreover, does not Mr. Hutchinson damage his own argument in writing:—
"And so far am I from desiring to arrogate for any one church a right over another;—that 'the most dangerous being that intellectual instruction whose greatest triumph is to make Buddhists, Romanists, Jews, and Confucianists sit at the same desk with Protestants in unallowable union over class-books, from which the Redeemer's name has been erased.'"

Does he not thus arrogate for the Christian church a right over others? and one who may not have the same opinion of the Redeemer that Mr. Hutchinson has.

Why then thrust him into their class books? England for the time being is professedly Christian, and has not Buddhists, Parsees and Confucianists to legislate for, and the reading and explaining of the Bible has been conceded in the School Board's Act; but what does Mr. Foster say?—"I have the fullest confidence that what children will be taught will be the great truths of Christian life and conduct, and that no effort will be made to cram into their poor little minds theological dogmas which their tender age prevents them from understanding."

Yours &c.,

A YOUNG "GENTLEMAN."

Singapore and Straits.

(Straits Times.)

The *Ribston*, barque, Captain Brown, from New York, 125 days, bound to Yokohama, got ashore on the Bell reef, 65 miles S. W. of Macassar, on 5th November at 4 o'clock. In the morning, Captain Brown proceeded to Macassar in the long boat to procure assistance, and succeeded in engaging two schooners and 30 men, and with these returned to the vessel. Upon their arrival, it was found that the *Ribston* was full of water, and all efforts at pumping were unsuccessful. On the 15th ultimo, the vessel was a total wreck, and the Captain and schooner returned on that day to Macassar. On the 18th ultimo, the wreck and cargo were sold at Macassar by public auction and realized £800. Captain Brown and some of the crew arrived here on Monday by the *Rajah Brooke* and reported the fact of the wreck to the Master-Attendant, and applied that a Court of Inquiry should be held.

The wreck, with the inventory and the remainder of the cargo of the British barque *Ribston*, as she lies on Bell reef, was sold by auction here (Macassar) on the morning of the 18th November, for 10,200 dollars, the buyer being Chew Choon Keng. The cargo was stated to consist of 19,000 cases and 350 barrels of petroleum, of which 1555 cases and 41 barrels were brought here by the schooner *Good Luck* and *Changlong*. The vessel herself is considered as a total loss. It is said that another wreck or abandoned vessel was to be seen on that dangerous reef.

A quarrel took place Monday afternoon, in a garden in Thomson's Road, between some Straits-born Chinese and others, which resulted in a fight, when one man was stabbed and another got a fracture in the skull. The police arrived shortly afterwards on the spot and removed both men to the Hospital; one is dangerously ill, and his depositions have been taken. Three men, accused of having been concerned in the affray, have been arrested and recognised as the aggressors by the wounded men.

It may interest the members of the Singapore Volunteer Corps to learn that the Gold Cross, the prize awarded to the highest scorer in the annual competition of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, which came off towards the end of last month, was won by Sergeant-Dutman of the Mitholung Company, who was formerly Lieutenant in the Singapore Corps.

Although there are about 84 disengaged vessels in port, the Captain refuses to accept the low rate of freight offered for London and Liverpool and prefers to await the advent of better times, which seem now of arrival. The *Red Star* for London

was the *Jos. Vincombe* freighted at £1 2s. 6d. for dead weight and £1 15s. for light cargo. A similar slackness in the shipping trade is reported from Japan and China.

The friends of Lieut. Peyton of R. M. 10th were pleased to learn that he had been promoted Captain in R. M. 100th in consideration of his distinguished services at the storming of Parva stockade in December, 1875, and throughout the Sungleh Ujong Campaign.

On Monday last an entertainment was given in the Townhall, under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement Society, which was a great success. The Society has been recently formed amongst the Eurasian portion of the community and has made such progress as deserves all commendation. H. E. the Governor was prevented by indisposition from going, but Lady Robinson attended by Mr. Ernest M. Howard, Private Secretary, were present, and the audience was large. Dr. Denny gave an interesting lecture on the Romance of Chinese Folk Lore, and the members of the Society performed some musical pieces which were received with much applause.

There is little or no news from the Native States, but what little there is is not very satisfactory. Captain Speedy has resigned the service in Perak, driven thereto, it is said, by his treatment by the Colonial Office. Captain Douglas has been obliged to come down here from Klang on account of his health, and has been ordered to Hongkong to recruit.

A robbery of diamonds and jewellery to the value of \$800 was committed on Friday last, from the premises of Koh San Lee, 68 Amoy Street. It appears the wife of the occupier of the house, wishing to have a quantity of diamonds in her possession set in brooches, and fearful of sending them out of the house, sent for two Chinese working jewellers to work under her own eye. They brought their tables and tools accordingly and proceeded to work, but on Saturday morning they did not put in an appearance, and, falling also to come on Sunday, the suspicions of the owner were aroused, and the Acting Inspector General of Police was communicated with on Monday morning. Inquiries having been instituted, Mr. Inspector Richards proceeded on board the *Menelaus* on Monday evening, as that vessel was about leaving for Hongkong, and arrested on suspicion two Chinese, who were clad from head to foot in European costume. They were reported to have brought no boxes on board, but when they were brought ashore, they were recognised by the owner of the property, as the jewellers who undertook the work, and they will be charged in due time before the Magistrate. The diamonds have not been recovered, but the Hongkong police will be communicated with by telegraph, and a search of the vessel will probably be made upon its arrival there.

LONDON GOSSIP.

Nov. 2nd.

In the Aquarium there are some curious creatures, not unworthy of a visit. These are the American alligators—they come from where, to quote one of Martin Chuzzlewit's transcendental correspondents, "the Mississippi, father of waters, rolls its turbid flood," and anything more outrageously out of place than they look, in a small tank, with shelving stone sides, behind a neat iron railing, in the centre of a boarded space, where hands play, people walk about, and acrobats perform their antics; it would be difficult to imagine. They are very miserable, I fear—if, indeed, they have sufficient energy to be miserable—and the placard which announces them to be "dangerous" is palpably absurd. The two alligators are respectively 5ft. and 4ft. long, and they lie on their stomachs, with that look of being stuffed poultry to the saurian tribe, and their short arms and skinny fingers stretch themselves along the uncomely stones, in a vain search for mud, after a most unpleasant and withal forlorn fashion.

A correspondent, writing to the *Pall Mall Gazette*, says:—"In a private letter from Constantinople I have an account of the storming of Fort St. Nicholas in the Shikpa Pass. The attack was led by an Englishman (Major Campbell), who headed a battalion 800 strong; they took the fort and held it for six hours, and then had to retreat. Of the 800 men who formed that battalion only six, including Major Campbell, came back. My informant, who knows Major Campbell well, adds that it was the luckiest thing that has been done in the war; to which I would add that so far as I can judge it is the luckiest thing that has been done in any modern war. We read of something of the sort at Thermopylae; but not even in our own much-lauded Balkan campaign was greater heroism shown than the effects of Turk exhibited on this occasion. Of course it is comfortable to us to think that a complete lot of the attack, but it is tolerably clear that wherever anyone will lead Turks will follow."

At one of the meetings of the Scientific Congress lately assembled at Havre an interesting paper was read, detailing the work that has been done by the Commission appointed by the French Minister of War to examine how far balloons can be improved and utilised for military purposes. The investigations of the Commission were divided into three classes—namely, those relating to captive balloons, to free or postal balloons, and to balloons, capable of being guided in any given direction. With regard to the first-named balloons, the Commission has recommended important improvements in the manufacture of the material of which the balloons are made, in the manner of suspending the car, in the method of anchoring the balloon to the earth, and in the apparatus for generating the hydrogen gas used for inflation. For free balloons the Commission has recommended the adoption of a valve and ballast-discharging arrangement which act automatically, and keep the balloon constantly at any height decided on beforehand; and an improved grappling-line for finally stopping the balloon has also been suggested. With regard to the third class of balloons the Commission recommended, as a means of steering the balloon, a screw, applied not at in the centre of the balloon itself. The trials made with the steering apparatus suggested were, it is true, not altogether successful; but the results achieved showed that it was possible, even under unfavourable circumstances, to cause the balloon to diverge several degrees from the direction in which the wind was blowing.

Paris was the last European capital to work tramcars with steam. The way in which the experiment has been tried is popular. From Jan. 1 till July 1 of the present year one-half of the tram line between the Bastille and the Arc de Triomphe was worked with horses and the other half with steam. On both halves the average daily receipts amounted to 611.16s. On the steam tram line the receipts averaged 61.14s. 6d. on the horse tram line 4.13s. per car. The cost of the traction by horses was 21.2s. 6d. per car, or about 45 per cent. of the receipts, whilst with steam-power the expenditure averaged 11.12s. 6d. per car, being no more than 35 per cent. of the receipts. The *Journal des Debats* calculates that if steam-power were applied to all the 150 cars of the Paris company, their profits would amount to 7301.75s. per day, or 260,000l. per annum, which would give them a dividend of 8 per cent.

Sydney Smith tells us that when Brougham, Jeffrey, and himself met on the eighth or ninth flat in Buchanan Place (the then elevated residence of Jeffrey) and resolved upon setting up a Review, they should adopt "the *Times* as their model, and the *Journal des Debats* as their guide," which he translated, "We cultivate literature on a little catmole." But this being too near the truth, he explains, was not adopted. We are reminded of this trifling fact in connection with the establishment of the famous critical journal by one of the latest developments of commercial enterprise, whereby it would seem that it will be our own fault if we do not cultivate literature with a little tea! The "Li-Quor"—we are earnestly entreated to pronounce the word as it is spelt—"Tea Company" undertake to combine the diffusion of books with the sale of their tea at two shillings and eightpence, purchasers of three pounds of the article being entitled to a "handsome volume;" and, in order that fair-play may be extended to all classes, the three pounds may be made up by purchases even of quarter-pounds, tickets being issued to represent the quantity obtained at each time. Now, no one can reasonably object to a trade by the dispersion of what are technically called "remainders." The innate cupidity of mankind unappeased is such that the notion of getting a book "for nothing" will most likely attract numerous customers. We observe, indeed, that a widely reaching system of agencies is already at work to make the tea-caddy auxiliary to the library. But it certainly is surprising to learn, as we have learned on unquestionable authority, that it is possible under this system to obtain books which are not remainders, and which could not possibly be given away if they had not been obtained at less than a fourth of their value. This implies surely a breach of faith on the part of the publishers.

A man of the name of Haas had a very narrow escape of the guillotine. Some weeks since he was condemned to death at Versailles, and as there was no recommendation to mercy his fate was to all appearance sealed. His lawyer, however, on glancing over the verdict of the jury, remarked that the foreman, either through ignorance or emotion, had spelt the word *marguerite*, "margaret," and on appeal it was *majorité*, "majority," and on appeal again, as he had only been found guilty by an unknown quantity of the jury. Probably taking into account the anguish which the prisoner must have suffered during the weeks while waiting to learn the result of the *lapus calamus* above mentioned, the Court sentenced Haas to hard labour for life.

A plan, in relief, of the theatre of war, has, it is said, been constructed in the garden of the palace of the Sultan, who, accompanied by his staff, closely follows the operations of his troops, and, from thence, despatches his orders for the manoeuvring of his army. It has been remarked that these orders always reach their destination too late. This is, perhaps, fortunate. A gentleman was talking about a popular judge to a well-known sergeant. "He is a very good fellow, for he never says a word against anyone," observed the gentleman. "It would be surprising if he did," replied the sergeant, "for he never talks of anyone but himself."

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 15, 1877.	
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Calcutta, " "	22 1/2
Shanghai, demand...	7 1/2
" 30 days' sight...	7 1/2
Bar Silver, 17, dwt. 21...	10 1/2
Sycee, " "	9
Moldani, " "	2 1/2 p. m.
Gold Leaf, " "	26.80
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Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 87 1/2 prem.	
Union Ins. Society of Canton, 41,100	
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$2,850	
Chinese Insurance Co., 257	
Yongank Ins. Assoc., Tls. 650	
North China Ins. Co., Tls. 880	
E. H. Fire Ins. Co., 285	
China Fire Ins. Co., 317 1/2	
H. K. & W. Dock Co., 4 1/2 dis.	
H. K. & W. S. S. S. Co., 16 1/2 dis.	
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 26	
Hongkong Gas Co., 87 1/2	
Hongkong Hotel Co., 456	
Chinese Imperial Loan, 6104	

Temperatures.

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MARRIAGE IN WASHINGTON.
Recently the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church was the scene of a remarkably pretty wedding. The church is so constructed as to make it an exceptionally beautiful scene for an evening wedding. It is lighted in a manner similar to that used in the Legislative halls at the Capitol, the light being cast from the ceiling and the auditorium is flooded with a soft, light, evenly less penetrating and more becoming than day light. 'The pulpit,' reading desk, etc., are beneath the arch, supported by columns which give an opportunity for an elaborate floral decoration. The columns and arch were entwined with flowers for the wedding of Wednesday, and from the arch depended the initials of E. and F., of the bride and groom—Miss Emma Forby of this city, and W. Howard Ely of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. These initials were composed of white flowers, and interlaced. On either side of the letters were hanging baskets filled with flowers. Wherever it was possible

even the white ribbon, dividing off the seats

reserved for the relatives and more intimate friends of the two families, was covered with white blossoms. The bride is the daughter of D. G. Forney, editor of the *Sunday Chronicle* of this city, and brother of John W. Forney, formerly editor of the *Washington Daily Chronicle*. The bride and party entered the church in a different manner from that usually adopted at weddings. The two ushers came first, next the four groomsmen in pairs, then the groom walking alone. The parents of the bride followed, and the four bridesmaids in couples; last of all the bride entered and walked alone up the aisle. As she drew near the altar her father stepped forward and took her hand and led her to the groom. After the ceremony, which was brief, the bride and groom, led by the young men, the bridesmaids following with the groomsmen. The bride's dress was a rich, soft, lustrous white *jujube* cut Princess. The front was trimmed with point lace, and the material and the train, fully three yards in length, were garnished with natural lilies of the valley, white tulle and white silk. The waist was high and the sleeves to the elbow. The veil was very long and full, and fastened to the head with natural lilies of the valley; a bouquet of the same flowers was held in the hand. None but natural flowers were used with this elegant toilet.—*Graphic*.

pieces of the latter are, it appears, very ap

to become choked with lead; the projectiles being covered with a coating of lead metal, so to enable them to take the firing. The only exception, indeed, has this been the case that a large number of guns have been rendered unserviceable, and an order has consequently been recently given to Herr Krupp to manufacture 1,000 new field pieces to replace the old ones in use here.

Russian artillerists. The Turkish artillery is, as is well known, already armed with Krupp guns. When, in 1866, the Sultan Mamoud II. set about the reorganization of his artillery, he entrusted the assistance of the chief of that arm of the service in the Prussian army. Accordingly a lieutenant, of the 5th Brigade of Artillery and three non-commissioned officers of the artillery of the Guard were despatched to Constantinople. These officers, introduced and taught the Turkish artillerymen the principles of the Prussian drill, and insisted, notwithstanding

officers in the service of the Porte, that th

containers should be armed with 75mm guns. The instruction thus began with the words: "The German navy is not to be outdone by Wendt, Lehmann, Grosse, Jungmann, Blum, Schmalzer, and the other crew of the *Prinzess Alice*, served since 1898 with Turkish artillery, and to whose officers this letter owes its present admirably high degree of efficiency."

During the present year eight new members have been added to the strength of the German navy. The *Mikele*, an armored gunboat of 1,000 tons displacement with 700 indicated horse-power engines, carrying one 30.5 centimeter gun, and protected by 8-inch iron plates, was launched on the 7th of May, 1877, from the yards of the Werber Shipbuilding Company.

of the above, the *Scorpion*, was launched at the same establishment. On the 26th

June the *Otter*, a flat-bottomed gunboat, intended for service against pirates in the Chinese rivers, was launched at Elbing. On the 21st of July a twin-screw armoured corvette—the *Sachsen*—was launched at Bredow from the ships to the Vulcan Company. The *Bismarck* and the *Blücher*, both built by the North German Company at Gaarden, near Kiel, were launched there.

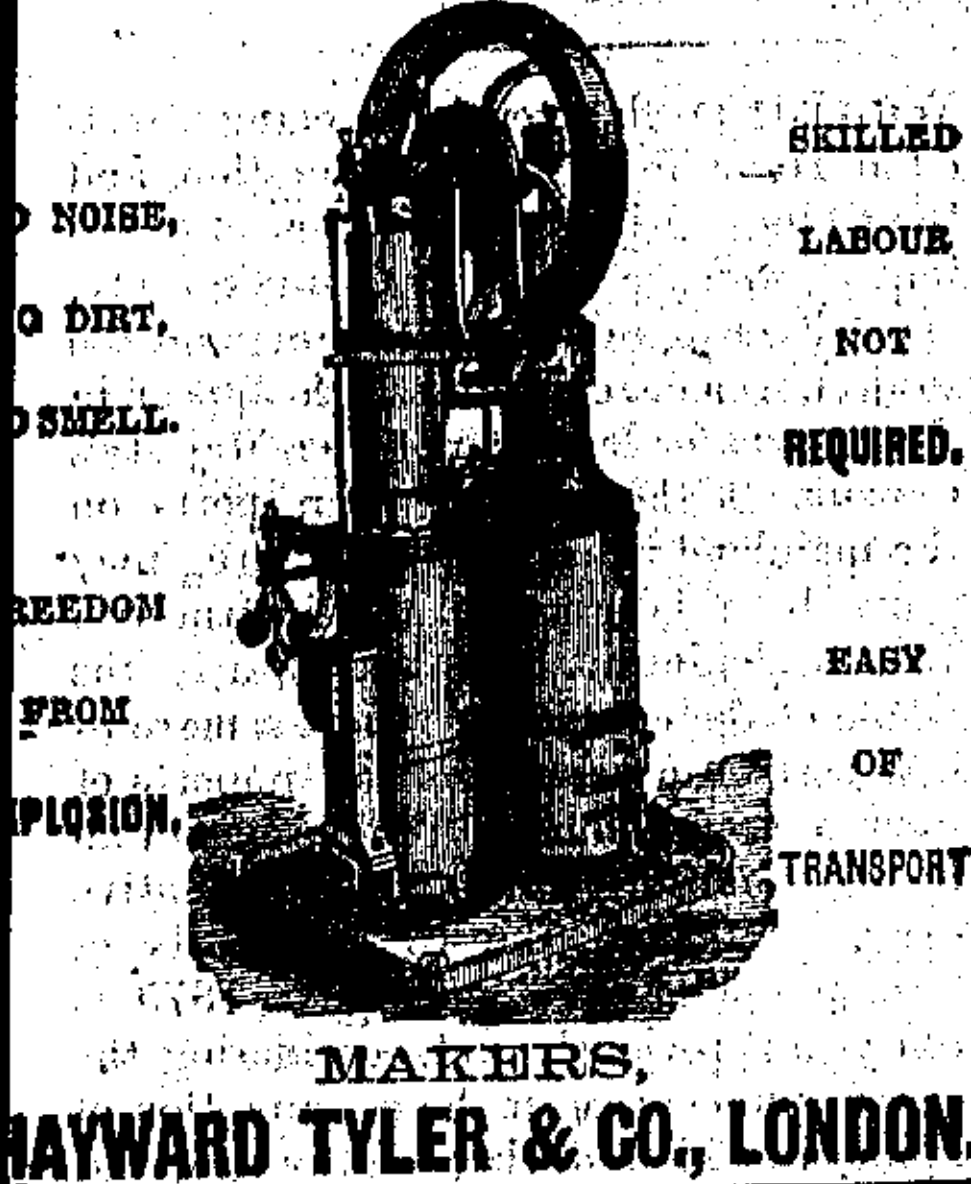
26th of July last. The Storch, built by the

Vulcan Company at Brockway, was manufactured and built by the Government at Detroit, on the 8th of October, and the ~~18th~~ 18th of October. All these four named vessels are inter-ship, each 18-inch main armament, with 16-inch main armament, by engine of 3,600-horse power. It is calculated that they will be able to stand under stress of a speed of fourteen knots an hour; and that the arrangements have been made for fitting the vessels with full-size guns, it is expected that they will also prove handy and effective under stress.

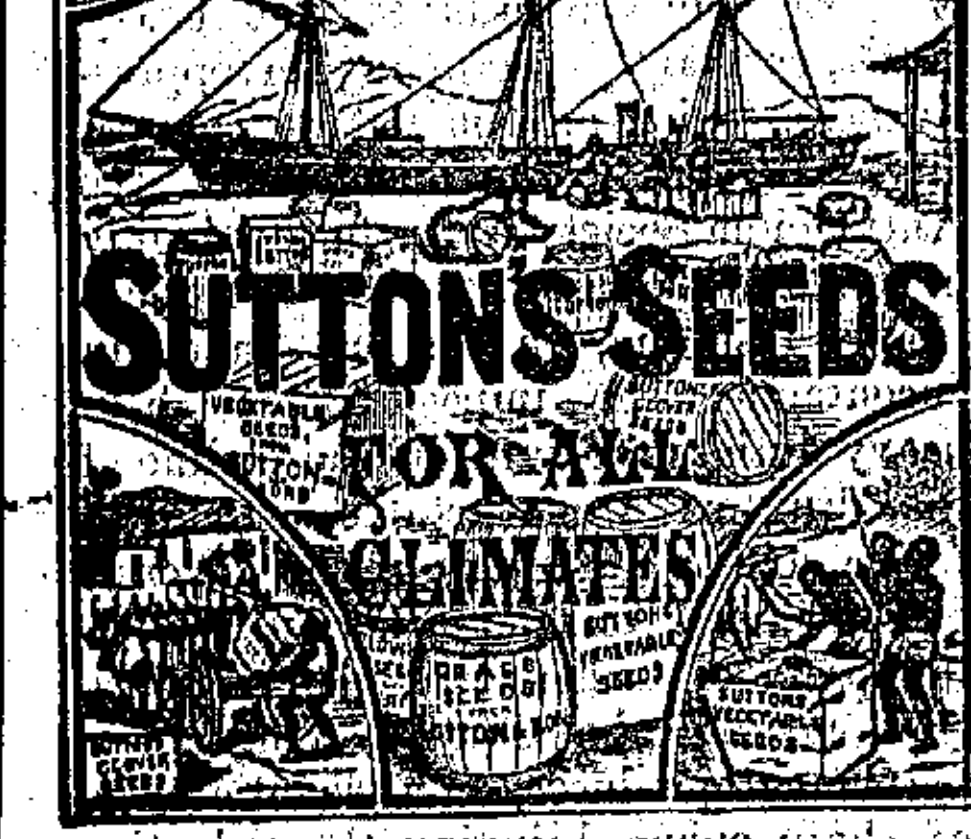
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VICTORIA REGATTA.

TWENTY-SECOND MEETING.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
21st and 22nd December, 1877.

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FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.

Junior Sculls. For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Entrance \$5. Distance One Mile. Prize, "Broken Cup." Open to any one who has never won a Sculling Race in China and Japan.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.

For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Out-rigger Boats excluded.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.

The "Chairman's Cup," for Four-Oared Canton Outrigger. Distance One mile and a half. Entrance \$10.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.

For Men-of-War Gigs and Whalers. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars. 6 seconds per Oar.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.

"Ladies' Purse." For Single Pair Sculling Boats. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.

For House Boats "Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.

International Race. "Challenge Cup"—presented by the Merchants of Hongkong—for Four-Oared Canton Outrigger. To be won two consecutive years before being held. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SAILING RACE.

For Men-of-War's Boats, any rig. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.

For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER, 1877.

FIRST RACE.—1 P.M.

For Gigs pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European Members of the Police Force. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and out-rigger Boats excluded.

SECOND RACE.—1.30 P.M.

For House Boats "Gigs pulled by Chinamen. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars, 6 seconds per Oar.

THIRD RACE.—2 P.M.

"Members' Cup"—presented by Members of "The Victoria Recreation Club"—for Four-Oared Canton Outrigger. Distance One Mile and a half. Entrance \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

FOURTH RACE.—2.30 P.M.

For Men-of-War Outrigger. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. No time allowed for Oars.

FIFTH RACE.—3 P.M.

Senior Sculls. Cup presented by the Police Community. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$5. Winner of the "Ladies' Purse" excluded.

SIXTH RACE.—3.30 P.M.

For Officers of H.M.S. *Adalung* against Fleet in harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club, to be rowed in Canton Four. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SEVENTH RACE.—4 P.M.

"American Cup," open to all Members and Honorary Members of the Victoria Recreation Club, to be rowed in Canton Four. Distance One Mile. Entrance \$10.

SAILING RACE.

For all Open Boats, Chinese excluded. Entrance \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

YACHT RACE.

For all Yachts. Entrance \$5. Time allowed for Tonnage, 15 seconds per ton. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

DUDLEY C. TRAYNERS,
Secy. Victoria Recreation Club,
Hongkong, 27th November, 1877.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 78.

CHINA SEA.

YANGTZE RIVER—SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

"Lismore" Wreck Light.

NOTICE is hereby given that the "Lismore" Wreck Screw-Pile Tower will be removed as soon as practicable in consequence of the rapid deepening of the water around its foundations.

A fixed Red Light will be shown from the tower as long as possible. On the discontinuance of this light a Red Light and a White Light underneath it will be exhibited from a small junk moored about 400 feet to the N. 22° 30' E. of the present tower.

Woonung Lighthouse.

In consequence of the removal of the above-mentioned Lighthouse, the Red sector of light, formerly exhibited from the Woonung Lighthouse, and over the port side of the channel on entering, will be resumed.

This Light will therefore show:—

White between the bank of the Yangtze to the westward of the Lighthouse and S. 3° 15' E.

Green between S. 3° 15' E. and S. 53° 45' W.

White between S. 53° 45' W. and S. 70° 30' W., and

Red between S. 70° 30' W. and the left bank of the Woonung River.

The bearings are magnetic and taken from seaward.

By order of the Inspector General of Customs,

DAVID M. HENDERSON,
Inspector-General of Customs.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Shanghai, December 6, 1877. de17

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ALFINGTON, British barque, Captain G. Cunningham.—Wiesler & Co.

OLYBURN, British ship, Captain E. Shrewsbury.—Wiesler & Co.

COLORADO, American ship, Captain Ingraham.—Russell & Co.

KATE CARRIE, British barque, Captain James Wilson.—Molchers & Co.

BROOMHALL, British ship, Captain H. Bate.—Russell & Co.

CHARLIE OAR, American ship, Captain Staples.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FORMOSA, German 8-m. schooner, Capt. Schaefer.—Melchers & Co.

PARACCA, British barque, Captain O. Phillips.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

ANNIE S. HALL, American barque, Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Captain.

BIRKEN, British ship, Captain W. Reynolds.—Order.

JURNEY, German barque, Capt. W. Winds.—Stemmen & Co.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. *ESMERALDA*, FROM AMOY AND MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. Y. V. SHAW,
Hongkong, December 13, 1877. de30

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. *IRAOUADY*.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Gange*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 14th Inst., at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday, the 20th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DE POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1877. de30

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DE POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1877. de30

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Ex *Amakoa*,
S. P. Order, 78 bags Stones, from Madras.

Ex *Diemah*,
M.T. No. 783, Mr. Matheson, 1 case Fire Arms, from Madras.

W.G. No. 17, Mr. G. W. Scott, 7 cases Wine, from Madras.

H.M.S. *Lepwing*,
Mr. J. Ridley, 1 case Effects, from London.

Hongkong, December 9, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *ALABAMA*, Captain RICHMOND, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored in the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai and Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary is given before 5 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

The Steamer having met with certain accidents during her voyage, Consignees will be required to sign an Average Agreement, which is lying at the Office of the Undersigned, before delivery of their Cargo can be obtained.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, S. S. *State of Alabama*,
Hongkong, December 15, 1877. de22

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

The Steamship *TAIWAN*, Captain M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 18th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight of Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, December 15, 1877. de18

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

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For Freight of Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
Hongkong, December 15, 1877. de18

SEALED TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned until Noon on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant, for the Construction of a COOK HOUSE, at the ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL.

Plans and Specification may be seen on Application.

JOHN BRENNER,
Naval Storekeeper.

H. M. NAVAL YARD,
Hongkong, December 15, 1877. de20

CHARTERS EFFECTED.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days:—

German bark *Cosette*, 281, hence to Saigon, \$480 in full.

German bark *Milardo*, 330, hence to Batavia and Samarang, \$1,400 in full, 30 lay days.

Italian bark *Blancs Perles*, 688, hence to Saigon, \$1,400 in full, 30 lay days.

German bark *C. R. Bishop*, 893, Manila to London or Liverpool, or to New York, private.

British ship *Hawkesbury*, 1175, Manila to New York, private.

British bark *Paracca*, 464, Manila to London or Liverpool, private.

British steamer *Marela*, 1060, hence to Saigon and back, \$6,100 in full, 15 lay days.

German steamer *Cassandra*, hence to Saigon and back, 6 voyages, 24 cents per picul.

German steamer *Atlanta*, 782, hence to Saigon, 6 voyages, 24 cents per picul.

German steamer *Albion*, hence to Saigon and back, 6 voyages, 24 cents per picul.

British steamer *Marela*, 1060, monthly charter, 4 or 6 months, private.

French bark *St. Adresse*, 624, hence to San Francisco and back via Puget Sound, private.

Danish ship *Doris Brodersen*, 647, cleared for Saigon under orders from Home.

British bark *Mangerton*, 380, hence to Quinhon and back, 20 cents per picul, 35 lay days.

British brig *Victory*, 255, hence to Bangkok, \$820 in full.

American bark *Wealthy Pendleton*, 610, Keelung to Hongkong, \$1.20 per ton of 20 cwt.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 14, *Cassandra*, German steamer, 897, W. Langer, Master, Dec. 11, Salt.—Wm. FUSSELL & Co.

Dec. 15, *Taiwan*, British steamer, 408, M. Young, Foochow Dec. 11, Amoy 12, and Swatow 14, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Dec. 15, *Taking Tsing*, Chinese gunboat, 180, Beasand, from a cruise.

Dec. 15, *State of Alabama*, British str., 1633, Ritchie, London Oct. 11, via ports of call, and Singapore Dec. 5, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 15, *Emmy*, Spanish steamer, 202, P. Blanco, Amoy Dec. 13, General.—REKEDIOS & Co.

Dec. 15, *Kromprindessen*, Danish barque, 348, N. F. Hansen, Amoy Dec. 13, Beasand.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.

Dec. 15, *Jurgen*, German barque, 268, W. Winds, Amoy Dec. 13, Beasand.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Dec. 15, *Friedrich Penning*, German barque, 447, E. Walker, Chetoo Dec. 5, General.—STERNBERG & Co.

Dec. 15, *Madagascar*, German steamer, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

Dec. 15, *Cosette*, for Saigon.

Dec. 15, *Nelson*, for Amoy.

Dec. 15, *Volsa*, for Yokohama.

Dec. 15, *Hieronymus*, for Hollo.

CLEARED.

Norwa, for Swatow.

North of Toy, for Singapore.

Victory, for Bangkok.

State of Alabama, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Taiwan*, from Foochow, 40, Messrs G. and W. P. Drake, and 45 Chinese.

Per *State of Alabama*, from London, 40, Madame Vaucher, Mr. Koeselitz, and Capt. Garcean and servant; and 150 Chinese from Straits.—For Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. Williams, Miss Fountain, and Mr. Laidlaw and servant.

Per *Emmy*, from Madras, Messrs Gullerme, Bayard, Michel, Georges, Bado, Michel, Perelli, Louis, Giers, Myrielle, Ferra, and 170 Chinese.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Cassandra*, from Mantong, 3 Chinese.

Per *Kromprindessen*, from Amoy, 3 Chinese.

DEPARTURE.

Per *Volsa*, for Yokohama, Mr. Baldwin; from Madras, Mr. and Mrs. Nordenstedt, Messrs Nakamura, Kulta, Nara, Konniga, Kone, and Koshika.

Per *Cosette*, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per *Nelson*, for Amoy, 150 Chinese.

Per *Hieronymus*, for Hollo, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Danish barque *Kromprindessen* reports: Thick and foggy weather outside.

The German barque *Jurgen* reports: Light N.E. winds, and thick weather throughout the passage.

The British steamer *Taiwan* reports: Left Foochow on the 11th Inst., had unsteady winds and thick weather to Amoy.

Left Amoy on the 12th and had light winds and calm with rain to Swatow.

Left Swatow on the 14th and had moderate N.E. winds and thick weather to port.

In Foochow.—H.M.S. *Moore*, in Amoy:—*Stra. Sargento*, *Flour Oatle*, *Rajasthan*, *Har*, and *Emmy*. In Swatow:—*Stra. Strathairn*, *Byga*, and *Hochung*.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW.—Per *NORNA*, at 9.30 a.m., on Monday, the 17th Inst.

For MANILA.—Per *SMYTH*, at 1.30 p.m., on Monday, the 17th Inst.

For SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.—Per *STATE OF ALABAMA*, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 17th Inst.

For SAIGON.—Per *MARELA*, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 17th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.—Per *TAIWAN*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 17th Inst.

For YOKOHAMA & SAN FRANCISCO.—Per *CITY OF TOKIO*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 22nd Inst., instead of as previously notified.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *THIBET* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 20th Instant.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 19th Instant.—5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 20th Instant.—7 a.m., Post Office opens for said of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with to Postage till

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed